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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an International Preliminary Examination Report, in connection with the International (PCT) Application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of English abstracts of the Japanese patent documents cited in this International Preliminary Examination Report, and of the U.S. patent cited in this International Preliminary Examination Report. Further enclosed herein are copies of documents cited in the specification of the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(b) are clearly satisfied.

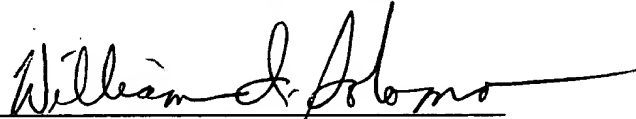
In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and

\$1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 506.40278X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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